



Program Manager Assembled
Chemical Weapons Alternatives

Blue Grass Chemical Weapons Community Forum

A Partnership for Safe Chemical Weapons Destruction

Information

The Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (ACWA) Program has scheduled the Blue Grass Chemical Weapons Community Forum to establish and promote cooperative working relationships and understanding among a broad spectrum of stakeholders. The purpose of the forum is to conduct two meetings to exchange information and solicit community, state and Department of Defense input regarding:

- next steps for Blue Grass Army Depot chemical weapons destruction efforts,
- discussion of areas where community participation currently occurs, and
- future public involvement mechanisms.

Two meetings will be conducted in the spring and summer of 2003. The first will be held March 24 in the Perkins Building at Eastern Kentucky University. The meetings will be advertised in local newspapers and other publications and are open to the public with selected community representatives requested to attend. In each meeting, time will be set aside for questions and public comments. In addition, a third-party facilitator will participate in the meetings to ensure that the following objectives for the community forum are achieved:

- To share next steps with the community regarding the chemical demilitarization program at the Blue Grass Army Depot,

- To facilitate communication between ACWA and the community,
- To assist the community in notifying ACWA of areas that they would like to provide input,
- To determine and establish mechanisms to allow the community and ACWA to work together effectively.

By law, the Department of Defense is responsible for all final decisions in implementing the ACWA Program. However, ongoing public involvement is not only welcomed—it is encouraged. ACWA will continue to make public and regulatory involvement a significant component of their management approach to ensuring the weapons at the Blue Grass Army Depot are destroyed as safely and quickly as possible.

REGISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY FORUMS IS REQUIRED

Please call Ms. Collins at 1-888-482-4312 or 410-515-5802 to register.

